

Law Practitioners.

No. XXIII.

AN ACT to enable Barristers and Solicitors of the Supreme Court to act as General Law Practitioners. LAW PRACTITIONERS.

[3rd July, 1858.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. For a period of five years after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for any barrister or solicitor of the Supreme Court to act both as a barrister and solicitor within the Colony of New Zealand, and in the several Courts of Justice which now are or shall hereafter be therein erected and constituted. Barristers and solicitors may act as general law practitioners.

2. The Short Title of this Act shall be "*The Law Practitioners' Act, 1858.*" Short Title.

No. XXIV.

AN ACT to regulate the Appointment and Duties of Sheriffs. SHERIFFS.

[3rd July, 1858.]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. An Ordinance enacted by the Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Council of New Zealand, intituled "*An Ordinance to Regulate the Appointment and the Duties of Sheriffs in the Colony of New Zealand,*" Session VII., No. 4, is hereby repealed. Ordinance Sess. VII., No. 4, repealed.

2. After the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor, and for no other person, to appoint fit persons to be Sheriffs within the Colony, who shall hold their offices during pleasure. Appointment of Sheriffs to be made by the Governor.

3. It shall also be lawful for the Governor, and for no other person, to define the districts within which the jurisdiction of the several Sheriffs shall be exercised, and the limits of such districts from time to time to alter as occasion may be. Districts to be defined by the Governor.

4. The several Sheriffs who are now acting shall be deemed to have been appointed, and the several defined districts for which they are respectively acting shall be deemed to have been defined, by the Governor under this Act. Sheriffs now acting and districts defined to be deemed to have been appointed by Governor.

5. Every Sheriff shall, upon his appointment, take an oath before a Judge of the Supreme Court or some person specially appointed by such Judge, in the form set forth in the Schedule to this Act, faithfully to execute the duties of his office. Sheriff's oath.

6. Every Sheriff shall from time to time give security for good behaviour in his office by bond to Her Majesty, by himself and such sureties and in such reasonable sum or sums respectively as the Governor may direct: Provided that all bonds or other securities for good behaviour in office given by or for any Sheriff under the provisions of the recited Ordinance or otherwise shall remain in full force and may be put in suit in like manner as if the same had been given under this Act. Security to be given. Existing securities to remain in force.